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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, February 28, 2006
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meetings of February 7, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: Election results for 2006-2007 Senators are available on page 4 and 5, Academic Senate and University wide vacancies are also listed. March 17, 2006 is the deadline for submitting nominations for 2006-2007 Academic Senate officers.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings)
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The CSU is sponsoring a Summit on math and science teacher education this week and President Baker will be serving as the MC. The CSU efforts to increase the recruiting and training of math and science teacher will be the central issue at the Summit.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) It's expected that the CSU system will ask us to slightly increase our enrollment planning for the coming year. The application pool for new and transfer students is strong and total applications are up by 12% over previous years. Much of the enrollment growth will be accommodated by expanding the summer quarter. Budget is very secure and should not change much except for the monies to cover the additional enrollment of approximately 2.5%. ASI approved the increase of the fee to support Instructionally Related Activities. The fee is indexed for inflation and will be effective in fall 2006. The search committee for the Dean of College of Liberal Arts has identified 4 finalists and interviews will begin March 2 and 3 and continue until March 14. The search committee for the Dean of Library Services has identified 3 finalists and expects them to be on campus starting March 27 and completing interview on April 7. The search committee for the Vice-President for Advancement has identified 3 finalists with interviews scheduled to begin in early April. The search committee for the Provost is being reconstituted and is currently searching for a recruitment firm to assist in the search process.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) Former Academic Senate Chair Anny Morrobel-Sosa has been selected a finalist for the presidency at Cal State Monterey Bay.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) Bargaining continues. Summer session is the current problem. The reason for the lack of agreement on summer session is that the Chancellor's policy calls for full-time faculty workload to be 15-units, while Cal Poly has a local contract recognizing full-time status at 12-units. According to the former contract, which expired last July 1, those FERPs have 5-year contracts. The Chancellor's offer for new FERPs is to cut it back gradually to 2-years. Deadline to apply for FERP for next fall is March 18, 2006 so if you are interested and want to FERP under the 5-year agreement, please submit your application. If we have a different contract, you may pull your application. CFA is in the process of holding local elections. Send the names of your nominees by Friday, March 3 for consideration. Last year the Academic Senate passed a resolution to support the new intellectual property policy. The intellectual property is in the scope of bargaining, therefore, in regards to faculty compensation, the statewide contract has controlling power. A committee has been created to look into these conflicting policies and arrive at a solution.
 - F. ASI Representatives: (Middlestadt) ASI Board of Directors passed a resolution at its last meeting entitled "ASI Recognizes University Efforts to Enhance Campus Diversity," in

support of numerous attempts to try and improve campus diversity, awareness, and outreach. A delegation of 16 students will be in Sacramento for the California Higher Education Student Summit which is considered the premier leadership development opportunity for Cal State University students. This event concludes on Monday with a student day in the Capitol where students will be lobbying their legislators. A couple of the issues that will be advocated for include the California State University budget and the acknowledgement of the CSU's \$1.5 billion structural deficit of which \$200 million are considered immediate needs. The Legislators' Analyst Office has requested that the Cal Poly Science Center be removed from the next state bond. ASI has been working very closely with the universitywide Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee, Materials Engineering Department Chair Linda Vanasupa, and Orfalea College of Business Associate Dean Doug Cerf on a campus implementation project proposal which looks at ways to identify challenges that the campus is facing. We are attempting to break them down into comprehensible problem statements and design requirements. These challenges will be available for students as potential senior project ideas and accessible to faculty for course projects. The main goals of this proposal are to successfully implement projects and to be a resource to strengthen the relationships between Cal Poly and local municipalities and between Cal Poly and potential donors. ASI urges the Academic Senate to appoint a faculty representative to the ASI Board of Directors.

- G. Other: Tim Kearns, Vice Provost IT/CIO: Status of Email Service. There have been two main issues with the new Oracle email system. The worst problem took place when email was down for two days in a row. This problem was caused by a longer than usual time to accomplish the update of the email-list job that is performed daily. The second problem has been ongoing since Oracle was installed, and that is the intermittent performance of the system due to heavier than usual loads. ITS is currently in the process of working with Oracle engineers to identify the problem in order to provide the campus with a clear prognosis. Oracle is committed to look at our system and make recommendations about the overall architecture of the system.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Textbook Pricing:** Foroohar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, first reading. This resolution encourages faculty to consider price and the need for new editions when selecting textbooks as well as submitting their textbook requests by the set deadline to ensure their availability. M/S/P to move resolution to a second reading.

M/S/P to approve the following addition:

RESOLVED: The Academic Senate will work with ITS and ASI to look into the feasibility of developing a central publicly accessible website which will provide information about textbook requirements for Cal Poly courses; and be it further

M/S/P to table further discussion until the next Senate meeting scheduled for April 11, 2006.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Submitted by,

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